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SUBJECT: MAP EXCHANGE

FOR INR/MP DICKSON FROM BURT

1. BROD, BURT MET HAKKAM. WILLINGNESS BEGIN MAP SHEET EXCHANGE IMMEDIATELY. INITIAL EXCHANGE SHEETS TOMORROW AND CONTINUING BASIS. DRAFTING NEW EXCHANGE TODAY. URGENT ISSUE HAKKAM ACQUISITION PUBLISHED JOG'S SPANISH SAHARA. ALSO WANTS AVAILABLE AIR PHOTOGRAPHY SPANISH SAHARA, ERTS, OR OTHER. ADVISED HAKKAM MUST OBTAIN DMA CONCURRENCE. EXCHANGE NOT DEPENDENT ACQUISITION SPANISH SAHARA MATERIALS BUT MOST IMPORTANT MATTER FOR HAKKAM. URGE RESPONSE SOONEST. MEETING TOMORROW HAKKAM REVIEW NEW EXCHANGE PROPOSAL. EXCHANGE WILL GO TO MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR CONCURRENCE. EXCHANGE PROPOSED CONTINUING AND NOT AT SPECIFIC TIME INTERVALS.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: AS DEPT AWARE, MOROCCAN CLAIMS TO SPANISH SAHARA ARE CURRENTLY SUBJECT OF INTENSIVE POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN, WHICH HAS ALSO INVOLVED MOVEMENT OF MOROCCAN MILITARY FORCES TO SOUTH. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SAHARAN MATERIALS DESIRED BY HAKKAM ARE FOR MOST PART OF UNCLASSIFIED NATURE AND COULD BE OBTAINED DIRECTLY BY GOM. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROVISION OF SUCH UNCLASSIFIED MATERIALS IN LOW-KEY, ROUTINE MANNER, BUT RECOMMEND CAREFUL SCREENING OF POTENTIALLY SENSITIVE ITEMS SUCH AS AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY.

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